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SUBJECT: DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN KILLINGS

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1. THERE SUDDEN DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN NUMBER FATAL ATTACKS NORTHERN IRELAND SINCE JUNE 23. WEEKEND JUNE 28 AND 29 PASSED WITHOUT FATALITIES ALTHOUGH THERE SEVERAL WOUNDINGS BY GUNFIRE WHICH POSSIBLY MOTIVATED BY INTRA-FACTIONAL FEUDS OR REASONS OF ORGANIZATIONAL DISCIPLINE.

2. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) ENJOYING INCREASED SUCCESS IN ARRESTING AND CHARGING SUSPECTS IN SECTARIAN MURDERS. A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD BOY WAS CHARGED JULY 1 WITH SIDEWALK KILLING TWO PROTESTANTS NEAR ARDOYNE JUNE 22 (REFTEL). NEW POLICE MEASURES ANNOUNCED JUNE 24 INCLUDING ACTIVATION TWENTY-MAN MURDER TASK FORCE OF DETECTIVES WITH PROVINCE-WIDE AUTHORITY MAY ALSO BE DISCOURAGING ASSASSINS.

3. SECSTATE REES ORDERED RELEASE TEN MORE REPUBLICAN DETAINEES JULY 2. SINCE ORIGINAL PROVISIONAL IRA CEASEFIRE IN DECEMBER 1974 THERE 316 RELEASED INCLUDING ALL LOYALISTS AND FEMALES DETAINED. THERE NOW 260 STILL DETAINED, ALL AT UNCLASSIFIED

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LONG KESH/MAZE PRISON AND ALL REPUBLICANS. OFFICIAL UNIONIST

SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED RELEASES AS "MADNESS" AND PREDICTED THAT
BY GIVING HOPE OF EVENTUAL AMNESTY, RELEASES WOULD ACT AS
INCENTIVE FOR SECTARIAN KILLERS.

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